

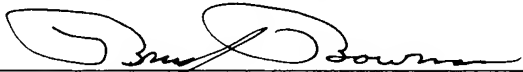


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Examiner: **Uyen-Chau N. Le**

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, having an initial three-month period of response set to expire September 4, 2003, extended by one month to October 4, 2003 by a Petition For Extension of Time For One

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